

that overlooks the west front of the Capitol, down the National Mall to the Washington Monument. He often relayed the story about putting a Chicago Cubs sticker in his office before a visit from President Obama, who is known to be a Chicago White Sox fan. The office, after all, is that of the Sergeant at Arms, he would remind the U.S. Secret Service agents with a grin.

While escorting the President during the annual State of the Union address, those who know Mr. Gainer best would recognize the tug of the ear or adjusting of his tie as a sign to his grandchildren watching from home.

Mr. Gainer, who grew up in a family of 10 siblings, began his law enforcement career as a police officer in the Chicago Police Department and rose through the ranks, including many years as an experienced homicide detective. An accomplished attorney, Mr. Gainer served as chief legal officer of that department before he entered the Illinois State government as deputy inspector general and deputy director of the Illinois State Police. He served at the U.S. Department of Transportation as Special Assistant to the Secretary before being appointed as Director of the Illinois State Police.

In 1998, Mr. Gainer moved to Washington, DC, where he served as executive assistant chief of police for the Metropolitan Police Department, and 4 years later was selected to be the Chief of the U.S. Capitol Police. He then entered the private sector as a chief executive officer responsible for a multimillion dollar innovative law enforcement program supporting military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The following year, the U.S. Senate appointed Mr. Gainer as the Senate Sergeant at Arms.

His tenure in law enforcement in DC included the horrific fatal shootings of two Capitol police officers, the September 11 attack on the Pentagon, the discovery of anthrax and ricin in Senate mailrooms, and mass evacuations triggered by aircraft straying into restricted airspace. As second-in-charge of the Washington Metropolitan Police Department, as Chief of Capitol Police, and as Sergeant at Arms, he spearheaded security during four Presidential inaugurations, including the historic swearing in of the first African-American President.

While serving as Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Gainer was appointed a Commissioner on the Independent Commission on the Security Forces of Iraq, charged with conducting an independent assessment of the Iraqi Security Forces and reporting the findings to Congress. He also served with the Special Envoy for Middle East Regional Security, which was created to advance the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian dispute by assisting in strengthening security institutions.

Mr. Gainer served annually on the Blue Mass Committee, responsible for organizing the Blue Mass Service, which is held at St. Patrick's Catholic

Church in Washington, DC, to pray for those in law enforcement and fire safety, remember those who have fallen, and support those who serve.

Born in Chicago, Mr. Gainer, the son of a milkman and a homemaker, is a decorated veteran who served in Vietnam and retired as a captain in the United States Navy Reserve. His degrees include a bachelor's degree in sociology, a master of science in management, a juris doctor degree, and an honorary doctorate of humane letters. He is married and has six children and 14 grandchildren. Of all his accomplishments, Mr. Gainer would tell you that his family is his greatest accomplishment of all.

Congratulations on your retirement from public service and we wish you the very best in your future.

#### REMEMBERING CAROL REITAN

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, if you drive into the charming, walkable town center of Normal, IL—yes, the town of Normal—you will see the beautiful Carol A. Reitan Conference Center. Who was Carol Reitan?

Carol was the mayor of the Town of Normal from 1972 to 1976. For those of you who have been to Normal recently, you will note what a forward-thinking community it is—with a vibrant town center, a state university, an auto plant, and a high quality of life.

It is a twin city with its slightly larger neighbor, Bloomington, which is home to State Farm Insurance and Illinois Wesleyan University, among so many other things. The area around Bloomington-Normal is some of the best farmland in the country.

Carol Reitan, who was an early and effective community leader, passed away this week at the age of 83. But her legacy can be seen everywhere—in the people she helped and the community she served and helped prosper.

Carol was ahead of her time, both as the first and only female mayor of Normal and because of her foresight as a community leader. If you talk to her friends in Central Illinois, you will quickly pick up on a common set of phrases—a visionary, a mentor, and a leader ahead of her time. I knew Carol, and those descriptions are all true—and just the tip of the iceberg.

Her accomplishments and dedication to public service are vast and long-lasting—and certainly didn't end after her service as mayor. As mayor of Normal from 1972 to 1976 she first introduced a city-manager style of government. She was the cofounder and president of Collaborative Solutions, a nonprofit providing counseling and mediation services for at-risk youth and adults. She played leadership roles in establishing the Heartland Theater Company, Habitat for Humanity of McLean County, and the Community Foundation of McLean County. She helped with the development of the domestic violence shelter Neville House, and she served as director and chief executive of Mid Central Community Action.

Her work earned many awards, including the Normal Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 1987, the Martin Luther King Jr. Award in 1987, and a McLean County History Maker award by the McLean County Museum of History in 2014.

Carol and her husband Earl were also early visionaries when it came to the environment, starting Operation Recycle and building a solar powered home together, and she was an early supporter of the town's electric vehicle initiative. In Normal, you can use any number of public charging stations to charge your electric car. In fact, when you look at the growing network of charging stations around the country, one of the most important is in Normal. That is no accident.

In 1990, Carol was appointed to the town's 2015 Commission, which was to consider goals for the next 25 years. A further stroll around the vibrant town shows the results—a children's museum, a multimodal transportation center that includes high-speed rail from Chicago, historic movie theater, shops, restaurants, a library, and a new hotel and conference center—all adjacent to Illinois State University.

I met Carol many times over the decades and was always impressed with her many gifts that she gave back to the community. She was a leader. When she walked into a room, you could feel her leadership and presence. When I first ran for office in 1978 for Illinois Lieutenant Governor, she was making her second attempt to win an Illinois State senate seat at the same time. We both lost those races. And in 1996, when I first ran for the U.S. Senate, she was an early supporter. I will never forget her faith in my candidacy.

Some on my staff have equally warm memories of Carol while growing up in Normal. One in particular is that she made a point of working with those who defeated her in her attempts to win a seat in the Illinois State Senate. We could use a bit of that role model here in the Congress today.

Perhaps current Normal city manager Mark Peterson said it best as reported by Central Illinois radio station WJBC, noting:

She was a visionary, probably born before her time because she was thinking about things 20 and 30 years ago that are happening in Normal now. . . . She had an impact on this community—and I use that term broadly—Bloomington, Normal and McLean County. . . . Few others have had that ability and few others could rival.

Central Illinois has lost someone truly special this week. My prayers and thoughts go out to her husband Earl, daughter Julie, and son Tom.

#### REMEMBERING SHERRY ADKINS

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I am grateful for this opportunity today to pay tribute to a truly extraordinary woman—Sherry Adkins. Sadly, Sherry passed away on May 13, 2014.

I had the wonderful opportunity of working with Sherry for 37 years. She

first came to work with me as my legal secretary when I was in private practice as an attorney. When I took office, she began working in my Utah Senate office and brought the same dedication and hard work ethic she had displayed in a demanding legal office. Throughout our years of working together I was always so impressed with Sherry's utmost attention to detail and accuracy, and her keen mind and abilities. In fact, I still miss her taking dictation today. Her fingers could really fly, and she always got it right. It was a true talent that has sadly been lost in today's computer world.

Sherry spent many years as a constituent service representative in my State office, helping hundreds if not thousands of Utahns with problems they faced while working with several Federal Government agencies. She specialized in helping people with cases involving such agencies as the Social Security Administration, the IRS, the Office of Personnel Management, OPM, and many others. She always displayed deep concern for the challenges people faced, and worked long and hard to help individuals in my behalf. In fact, she developed lasting friendships with some of the people she had assisted and they continued to visit her for many years.

Sherry always went above and beyond the call of duty. While I was serving as the chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, which dealt in part with issues of alcohol prevention and treatment, Sherry and her husband Bruce obtained their drug counseling certificate. She spent many hours working with individuals struggling with the powers of addiction, and even became the choir director for the Utah Odyssey House, a residential substance abuse treatment facility. She touched many lives through her advocacy, support, and talents.

As a former member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, she absolutely loved music. She always generously shared her talents not only as a beautiful singer—but she also played the organ weekly for her local ward or church congregation.

Sherry's work and service was very important to her—but her family always came first. She absolutely loved her family. She was married to Bruce for 54 years, and they are the proud parents of Michael, Gary, and Marianne; and grandparents to four grand-children and four great-grandchildren. When it came time for Sherry to retire from the U.S. Senate, Sherry and Bruce moved to Alaska to be with their daughter and in the end were living in Colorado to be closer to their son and grand-daughter. Sherry and Bruce had a great partnership and they were very supportive of each other and their endeavors.

I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity I had to work with and know Sherry Adkins. Her loyalty, dedication, and sincere belief in public service

were so appreciated. I wholeheartedly agree with the simple narrative another former staff member used when describing Sherry: "She was a gem."

Elaine and I extend our deepest sympathies to Bruce and their family members. May they find peace and comfort in the cherished memories they have shared with this great lady.

#### POLICE WEEK

Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, back in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating the week of May 15 as National Police Week. Since then, law enforcement officials from all across our country have gathered together to honor to those killed in the line of duty.

As part of National Police Week, today representatives of law enforcement agencies will gather at the U.S. Capitol for the 33rd Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. I join our State in honoring the life and service of the Arkansans who last year paid the ultimate sacrifice:

Conway Police Officer William Michael McGary, Sebastian County Deputy Sheriff Terry Wayne Johnson, Fifth Judicial District Drug Task Force Coordinator Larry D. Johnson, Faulkner County Deputy Sheriff Hans J. Fifer, Wildlife Officer Joel Lee Campora, and Scott County Sheriff Cody Don Carpenter.

We can never thank our law enforcement officials enough for all they have done for us and our families, but we will always remember them and their loved ones in our thoughts and prayers.

To the families of Michael McGary, Terry Wayne Johnson, Larry D. Johnson, Hans J. Fifer, Joel Lee Campora, and Cody Don Carpenter, thank you for sharing these heroes with the world. To the Conway Police Department, Sebastian County Sheriff's Department, Fifth Judicial Drug Task Force, Faulkner County Sheriff's Department, Arkansas Department of Game and Fish, and Scott County Sheriff's Office, thank you for ensuring their legacies live on.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RINGGOLD COUNTY, IOWA

• Mr. HARKIN. Madam President, the strength of my State of Iowa lies in its vibrant local communities, where citizens come together to foster economic development, make smart investments to expand opportunity, and take the initiative to improve the health and well-being of residents. Over the decades, I have witnessed the growth and revitalization of so many communities across my State, and it has been deeply gratifying to see how my work in Congress has supported these local efforts.

I have always believed in accountability for public officials, and this, my final year in the Senate, is an appropriate time to give an accounting of

my work across four decades representing Iowa in Congress. I take pride in accomplishments that have been national in scope—for instance, passing the Americans with Disabilities Act and spearheading successful farm bills. But I take a very special pride in projects that have made a big difference in local communities across my State.

Today, I would like to give an accounting of my work with leaders and residents of Ringgold County to build a legacy of a stronger local economy, better schools and educational opportunities, and a healthier, safer community.

Between 2001 and 2013, the creative leadership in your community has worked with me to secure funding in Ringgold County worth over \$448,000 and successfully acquired financial assistance from programs I have fought hard to support, which have provided more than \$6.3 million to the local economy.

Of course my favorite memory of working together has to be working to secure \$264,000 for community wellness activities to improve nutrition, physical activity, workplace wellness and smoking cessation.

Among the highlights:

Wellness and health care: Improving the health and wellness of all Americans has been something I have been passionate about for decades. That is why I fought to dramatically increase funding for disease prevention, innovative medical research, and a whole range of initiatives to improve the health of individuals and families not only at the doctor's office but also in our communities, schools, and workplaces. I am so proud that Americans have better access to clinical preventive services, nutritious food, smoke-free environments, safe places to engage in physical activity, and information to make healthy decisions for themselves and their families. These efforts not only save lives, they will also save money for generations to come thanks to the prevention of costly chronic diseases, which account for a whopping 75 percent of annual health care costs. I am pleased that Ringgold County has recognized this important issue by securing \$264,000 for community wellness activities.

School grants: Every child in Iowa deserves to be educated in a classroom that is safe, accessible, and modern. That is why, for the past decade and a half, I have secured funding for the innovative Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant Program—better known among educators in Iowa as Harkin grants for public schools construction and renovation. Across 15 years, Harkin grants worth more than \$132 million have helped school districts to fund a range of renovation and repair efforts—everything from updating fire safety systems to building new schools. In many cases, these Federal dollars have served as the needed incentive to leverage local public and